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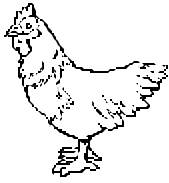
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to firm in the East, mostly steady elsewhere. Retail demand was slow to fair, best for features. Food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food where promotions were active. Supplies were sufficient to tight mainly as a result of reduced holiday kill schedules. In the parts structure, wings continued to have best movement with tight supplies. Breast items were not as plentiful, but still available, and dark meat was sufficient with leg quarters in best balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 62.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.50 cents last year on January 03, 2001.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	181.50
BREASTS - B/S	128.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	55.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	86.50
LEG QUARTERS	28.00
WINGS	89.50

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for features, fast food promotions, and where refilling occurred. Due in part to reduced holiday schedules, supplies were close balanced to short and often held with confidence. In the parts structure, wings were barely adequate to tight with strong movement. Dark meat was improved with some interest reported for export business, and breast items were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Whole fryer market tone was generally steady. Additional offers of whole fryers were light with buyer interest limited. Retail movement was slow to instances fair with best interest on featured items. Features in Chicago included split breast at 89 cents and boneless skinless breasts at \$1.59. Food service demand was moderate to fairly good, best where fast food promotions are a factor. Floor stocks were adequate. Weights were desirable. In the parts complex, wing demand was good, remaining items only fair. Supplies of wings were barely adequate to short, leg quarters adequate, breast items adequate to ample. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady on leg quarters and about steady to barely steady on all other items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was mostly fair to moderate following the holiday. Offerings of all sizes ranged no more than adequate to occasionally tight with reduced schedules and holiday down time noted as the most significant market factor. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady, instances firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were fully sufficient. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate, but not as burdensome today. Leg quarters were clearing well. Wings were short of full needs.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was steady with early trading for next week at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings in fair balance with an improved post holiday call. Retailer demand fair, best to features. Floor stocks adequate. Parts generally steady.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
WEEK ENDING 12/29/01	2001	2000	
EGGS SET	183,879	176,109	+04
CHICKS PLACED	145,835	138,710	+05
19 STATES			
EGGS SET	204,131	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	163,221	-	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 184 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 29, 2001. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 146 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 29, 2001. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through December 29, 2001 were 7.60 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

FOUR ADDITIONAL STATES IN WEEKLY PROGRAM

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 29, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 163 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 29, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 09-Feb-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.4 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 152.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 151.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.96 CENTS PER POUND.

JANUARY 02, 2001

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	877	103.00-157.00	122-127	126.56
TENDERLOINS	133	105.00-190.00	-	131.35
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	56.00-64.00	58-59	57.07
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	123	32.00-48.00	-	34.75
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	436	21.00-27.00	21-22	21.86
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,250	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.30
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	86.00-90.00	87-89	88.63
WINGS (CUT)	348	97.00-110.00	98-99	99.30
DRUMSTICKS	67	45.00-49.00	-	45.42
THIGHS	56	44.00-50.00	-	45.51
B/S THIGHS	30	84.00-89.00	-	85.67

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JANUARY 02, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	39.00 - 44.50	41.71	40.90

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair to moderate following the holiday. Offerings of bone-in breasts were fully adequate, although, boneless-skinless breasts ranged adequate to better balanced. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient, however, leg quarters were noted as well cleared. Wings remained tight to short of full needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair, with best draw centering around the occasional promotion. The market tone remained firm on wings, steady to fully steady on leg quarters, barely steady on bone-in breasts and steady on the remainder of items.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

JANUARY 02, 2001

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	121.23	416,550
TENDERLOINS	100	101.61	89,577
BREAST - WITH RIBS	45-46	50.24	286,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	45	46.87	129,600
LEGS	37-38	41.13	212,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23-24	25.13	779,681
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	42.25	166,770
THIGHS	28-29	37.39	101,780
B/S THIGHS	83-84	87.63	55,620
WINGS (WHOLE)	87-88	94.60	362,520
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.89	45,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	35.62	17,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	57.81	33,090

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/02	01/01	12/31	12/28	12/31
ALA	3,430	Holiday	2,294	5,421	4.79
ARK	5,474	Holiday	2,345	7,117	4.73
DELMARVA	2,265	Holiday	1,468	3,891	5.20
KY-LA-TN	1,841	Holiday	1,609	3,166	4.57
MISS	2,513	Holiday	2,452	4,256	4.96
NC	2,689	Holiday	1,559	4,373	5.92
TEXAS	2,409	Holiday	1,273	5,417	4.83
TOTAL	20,621	187	13,000	33,641	4.97
MON-WED	34,399(B)				40.30
					21,145(B)

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Jan 01 and is estimated to be 30,851,000 up 6.46 percent from a week ago and up 0.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 28,980,000; last year 30,629,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	84-86
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	95-102
	ICE PACK	93-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	113
	ICE PACK	104-113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	91
	ICE PACK	98
DUCKS		152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JAN 5-02

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/05/02 (1)	12/29/01
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	125,379 (2)	120,054
LT HENS	1,565	1,282
HVY HENS	1,212	847
CHECK TOTAL	128,156	122,183

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Jan-02 is 144.2 million head compared to 128.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 125.6 million head or 18.6 million less than estimated available. For week of 12-Jan-02 the estimated available is 150.6 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
FEDERAL-STATE (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 31-Dec-01	76,695	75,739
AM 1-Dec-01	69,047	73,444
CHG	7,648	2,295
PCT CHG	11	3

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/31/01	12/26/01	01/01/01	12/31/01	12/26/01	01/01/01
PACIFIC						
COAST	4,844	4,832	4,701	3,359	3,008	6,425
LOS						
ANGELES	162	175	114	1,824	1,614	1,858

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS,U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2001

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-68

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb..301.10	.53	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-2.75	-			
LIGHT FOWL lb. - -	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	- -	-			
MIXED FOWL lb. - -	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-4.25	-			
BANTAMS lb. - .85	-	BANTAMS ea.	- -	-			
BROILERS lb. - -	-	BROILERS ea.	- -	-			
ROASTERS lb. - -	-	ROASTERS ea.	- -	-			
FRYERS lb. - -	-	FRYERS ea.	- -	-			
CHICKS lb. - -	-	CHICKS ea.	- -	-			
PULLETS lb. - -	-	PULLETS ea.	-6.00	-			
BUNNIES lb. - -	-	BUNNIES ea.	- -	-			
ROOSTERS lb. - .70	-	ROOSTERS ea.	3.00	7.50	-		
GEESE lb. - -	-	GEESE ea.	- -	-			
TURKEYS lb. - -	-	TURKEYS ea.	- -	-			
DUCKS lb. .30 .90	.67	DUCKS ea.	-1.00	-			
RABBITS lb. .701.40	1.01	RABBITS ea.	- -	-			
PIGEONS lb. - -	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.75	5.75	-		
GUINEA FOWL lb.- -	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	- -	-			
DUCKLINGS lb. - -	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	- -	-			
GUINEA KEETS ea. - -	-	CALL DUCKS ea.-	- -	-			
SILKIES lb. - -	-	SILKIES ea.	-3.25	-			
GOSLINGS ea. - -	-	GUINEA PIGS ea.	- .25	-			

TOTAL COOPS 37

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

REPORT NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was noted as good and was sufficient in keeping seller offerings generally well cleared on all sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processings schedules were moderate. Less than truckload asking prices were 1 cent higher at 52 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was firm. In the parts complex, wings remained short of an active buying interest. Tenders were in heavy supply and attracting limited interest. Other items were at least adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
RANGE	47-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	52.43
NO. OF BOXES	9,478

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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